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FEATURE STORY

DEAD SEA SCROLLS

very of the Dead Sea Scrolls will make sary extensive revision of all editions Old Testament, Dr. Philip Hyatt, pres- of the Biblical Literature Society declar- an address to the Society's 92nd meeting.

neeting was attended by Protestant, Rom- tholic and Jewish Biblical scholars. Over pers were presented covering significant rch and study in both the Old and New ments. The Society reported it now had nbership of 1,670, most of whom are of aching profession, of college, university minary level.

yatt emphasized 'there should be no ques- ow as to the genuineness of' the scrolls in the Qumran caves in 1947. 'general f the....Dead Sea manuscripts.....from time in the 2nd century BC to approx. for Qumran...and down to 135 AD for baat'. He continued: 'Previously it has difficult for scholars to study Judaism be- 70 AD...now we have available materials are clearly pre-70 AD'.

ther announcement concerning the Scrolls, ric Werner, professor of sacred music at ebrew-Union College-Jewish Institute of ion, said he had discovered the forerunner Gregorian chant in the Dead Sea Scrolls. id the discovery constituted the missing etween ancient Hebrew religious music e antiphonal chant of the Catholic Church. He told of his discovery at the annual meeting of the American Musicological Society in Urbana, Illinois. He said he found the forerunner in the Scroll 'Hymn of Thanksgiving'. In another scroll, he said, are hymns identical in pattern with those used by the Roman Catholic Church today.

Dr. Werner, in 1950, had also made public the results of research establishing a common source of Jewish and Christian liturgical music, as being in the Jewish Temple of Jerusalem.

He further made public that in the 'Isaiah' manuscript he found marks which suggested early Christian musical motations. In five cases the marks were identical with ancient Slavonic musical notations. (The Greek Orthodox Church in Greece still uses 'musical notations' for all the antiphonal choir chanting - they, of course, did derive it from the Jewish sources and have always openly acknowledged so. ED)

Dr. Werner told of finding in the Scroll 'The War of the Children of Light Against the Children of Darkness' detailed instructions to priest trumpeters on the use of their instruments. He emphasized that these trumpets, used in the Temple and in battle, were capable of accurate pitch and were distinct from the ram's horns directed to be 'blown at the same time'.

In still another sensational story from Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Dr. Yigael Yadin, one

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of Israel's leading archeologists and former chief-of-staff of the Israel army, stated that he a a colleague, Dr. Nahman Abigad, have just translated five columns of the Seventh Dead Sea Scr the one which he was chief negotiator in purchasing from Metropolitan Athanasius Yeshue Sam of the Syrian Orthodox Church for a reported $250,000. The translation has already been publ ed by the University in a book titled 'A Genesis Apocryphon'. Dr. Yadin explained that the Scr retells stories found in Scripture, but with added details, designed, he believes, to make the Bi cal episodes more easily and widely read and more popularly understood. 'In it we have a uniq collection of legends and traditions I am sure were current among the Jews of the time' - he ac the uniqueness of the story of Noah might have been omitted from the present day Old Testame because of 'censorship'.

He explained the story of Noah, as written in the Scroll, as follows: Noah, builder of the ark, such an extraordinary infant that his father believed he had been supernaturally conceived and spoke to his wife 'with vigor' about it, charging her to swear to the truth about the boy's origin. the Scroll, Lamech, son of Methusaleh and grandson of Enoch, was married to his own sister.(S marriages were necessitated in those days by shortage of women. ED) Lamech tells of his gro fear that the boy, he thought to be his son, was in reality the child of 'the Watchers, the Holy O or the fallen angels'. Lamech tells of his fear being aroused by the unique qualities of the new- who, at birth, rose up in the hands of the midwife and conversed with the Lord of Righteousnes The infant is described as having a body 'white as snow and red as the blooming of a rose' with long locks of hair 'white as wool' and eyes that lighted up the house 'like the sun' when he open them. The Scroll then tells how Lamech confronts his wife, stating his belief that the child is his (reminiscent of Joseph confronting Mary. ED) and how she, finally 'growing wrath', recalls intimate dialogue details of the conception. Eventually she swears by the 'Most High Lord of Gr ness and King of the worlds' that Lamech, not some supernatural being, is the father of Noah.

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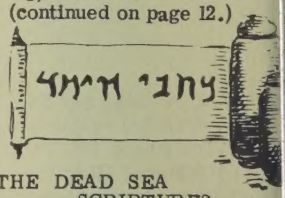

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An English translation, with troduction and notes by Profe Theodor H. Gaster. 350 page

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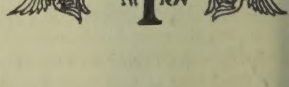

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH

Foreign

ELECTION OF JERUSALEM PATRIARCHATE SET for January 20th, 1957. (Fully reported in the April & September issues of AREO, this election had been oft postponed).

The Jordan government was forced to intervene in the past, because of a rift between the Jerusalem Orthodox hierarchy(predominatly Greek) and the lower clergy (Mainly Arab).

ier election procedures, used since 1875, only the present bishops and archimandrites of the usalem Church are eligible for the post. All of these are Greeks. The lower clergy have been nanding that the post be given to a LOCAL Arab or Greek, rather than to a Greek native of Isle of Samos, as has been traditional. The nomination will be conducted by 18 of the Church's her clergy, who will gather at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for the purpose at hand. It is anticipated that Metropolitan Benedictos of Tiberias and Archimandrite Kyriakos Spyridoni- will be the leading contenders.

Local representation eventually must be accorded to the Arabs. It is as inevitable as the rising sun. ED.

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CK 'N' ROLL IS 'IRRESISTIBLE' FUN, according to Rev. John H. Hornby, vicar of St. l's Church in East London's Old Ford District. Writing in a recent issue of his parish magazine, the good Vicar expressed wonderment at the fuss which had been created over the Rock 'n' Roll. While he agreed that it was definitely primitive, yet it was 'urgent' and 'exciting'. He added: 'Personally, I prefer waltzing, which incidentally, is sensual in a way which rock 'n' roll never is.....so, let's enjoy the fun of rock 'n' roll and keep our sense of proportion'.

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MISSIONARIES KILLED IN NEW GUINEA BY NATIVES. Some 12 native missionaries were attacked and butchered by superstitious natives after they linked the death of large numbers of pigs with their presence. Believing that the missionaries had in some way angered their Gods by their teachings, the natives set about to appease the Gods by destroying the 'infidels'. The bodies were found by Lutherans belonging to the American Christian Missionary Alliance.

- Proving people are the same the 'world over'. ED.

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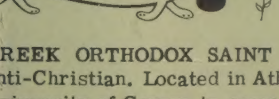
ISTERCIAN MONKS TO MANUFACTURE PERFUME in their retreat on Caldy Island, off he coast of Wales. The Irish-born prior, V.Rev. Eugene Poylan, thought up the idea of producg perfumes to augment the income of the monastic group, which earns most of its funds from rming. Sybil Connolly, one of Ireland's leading fashion designers will handle the distribution f the product. She is naming the first of the fragrances 'Caldy Bouquet'.



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REEK ORTHODOX SAINT ATHANASSIOS UNION TO FIGHT ROCK 'N' ROLL as being nti-Christian. Located in Athens, Greece, the Union has invited Prof. M. Jol Bertainlle of the niversity of Geneva to come and deliver a series of lectures against the current fad. It is said at the Professor is one of the leading critics against rock 'n' roll.

PSYCHIATRIST PARTICIPATES IN INDIAN RELIGIOUS 'PEYOTE' CEREMONY. For the first recorded time in history, a white man took part in eating the peyote button, an hallucination producing herb. The white man, Dr. H. Osmond, psychiatrist and superintendent of the We burn, Sask., Mental Hospital (Canada) said, after the ten-hour, night-long ritual had ended,: - 'People may not understand it; they may not want to see it; but they should not be allowed to ha it'. Dr. A. Hoffer, also a psychiatrist, was present at the ceremony, but said he could see no harm in the peyote button as used by the Indians. None of the Indians slept during the ceremon They remained immobile, staring into the fire in the center of the teepee with eyes slightly di lated. During the ceremony, prayers and singing were in the native tongue.

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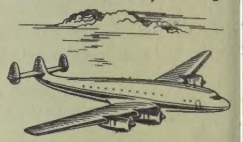
RUSSIAN PRIEST KNOCKS DOWN AIRLINER. Rev. Constantine Geshtovt, flyin aloft in his tiny plane, with one passenger aboard, rammed into a giant Convair ai liner near Bombay, India. The priest and passenger were killed and the Convair, with rudder knocked out and one engine silenced, glided in safely with its 38 occu ants. The priest, 65 years old, had been in India since 1936 - he had previously be a veteran of some forty years of flying, having been a Russian Air Force and also an R.A.F. flyer in World War I. He had also been a Hollywood stunt flier, a ship captain and an actor.



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624,000,000 BIBLES, TESTAMENTS AND SCRIPTURE PORTIONS reported to have been distributed by the Birtish and Foreign Bible Society,in some 836 languages, since 1804.

The report was made to the 11th conference of the Canadian Council of Churches by the retiring general secretary of the Society's Canadian division, the Rev. A.H. O'Neill. He also told of som 20,000,000 volumes in 111 languages being circulated in Canada.

- A remarkable accomplishment. ED.

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ARCHIMANDRITE CALLIXTUS MOUSSIKIDIS ARRIVES IN MOSCOW AS EXARCH for the Patriarch of Alexandria. Appointed to this post last summer, the Archimandrite will serve also as the overseer of the Holy Trinity, Odessa, which was given to the Patriarch of Alexandria by Patriarch Alexius of Moscow last year.

The first Exarch to Moscow was Nicanor, Bishop of Thebais, who served there a hundred year ago. The last Exarch was Archimandrite Paul, who stayed in Moscow until the Revolution in 191 After the Exarchates of the Patriarchs were confiscated, Paul returned to Egypt, where he died

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PROFESSOR KUERY, BISHOP OF SWITZERLAND'S OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH DIES at th age of 86. He had been bishop from 1924 to 1955 and was the church's 2nd bishop, he being the successor to Dr. Eduard Herzog in 1924. When he retired last year, the Church's National Syno named his son, Prof. Urs Kuery, as bishop. The son also succeeded his father as professor of ecclesiastical history, church law and science of liturgy at the University of Berne.

Prof. Kuery, Sr. was very active in church cooperation, especially in regard to Orthodox and Anglican Churches. In 1931, he played an important part in an intercommunion convention, whic was attended by representatives of the Church of England and the Churches of the Utrecht Unio (Old Catholic). One of his major contributions was the standardization of the liturgy and the re toration of Gregorian chant to the Church.

- The Old Catholic Church originated in 1870 when groups of Roman Catholics in Central Eur ope separated from Rome. ED.

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ISRAEL ARCHEOLOGISTS, HISTORIANS, PHILOGISTS AND GEOGRAPHERS STUDY SINAI Mountain for clues to prove the modern theory that Moses took a northern route thru the Sinai Peninsula on his way to the Promised Land.

One team investigated ruins in the Oasis of Kadesh Barnea, near the Israeli-Egyptian border North of Sinai, where the Twelve Tribes rested for 40 years. The other team descended upon the Greek Orthodox Monastery of St. Catherine at the foot of Mt. Sinai and spent some time scrutinizing and photographing manuscripts dating from the 6th century. Examination of the buildings disclosed the remains of a basilical church built by the Emperor Justinian in the 4th century, with only a chapel of the Burning Bush, a Crusader addition, being intact. The monastery itself stands upon a foundation of Justinians time, on which were superimposed structures of the Crusader, Napoleonic and late 19th century periods.

No remains of a middle Bronze Age, claimed to have been contemporary with the Jewish exodus from Egypt were found.

A 1950 expedition, led by Wendell Phillips, made microfilms of over 2,000,000 pages of the same manuscripts. The Library of Congress houses one such collection of these films. As the USA is very cooperative in exchanging such documents, it appears as perhaps some other motive might have been behind the expedition. ED.

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THREE PRESERVED HEARTS OF FRENCH ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS DISCOVERED. Workers restoring a chapel in Quimper, Brittany, discovered the hearts behind a wall blocking an old doorway. They were sheathed in lead and it is assumed were hidden there during the French Revolution to avoid discovery.

One of the hearts,belonging to Bishop de Farcy de Cuille, along with those of Bishops de Plouec of Quimper and Bishop de Kervers of Treguire was placed originally in the Chapel of Quimper Seminary by instructions contained in the Will of the Bishop de Farcy, 18th Century. The reason for the act is not known.

Where there is a Will, there is always a way. ED.

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LOAN OF CHURCH STIRS CONTROVERSY IN RUSSIAN CHURCHES IN ENGLAND. When the All Saints Church of England Church, in Knightsbridge, was loaned to the Russian Patriarchal (Moscow) Church group for use, the Russian-Orthodox Church-in-exile angrily denounced the offer of the Patriarchal Church to share the building with them, as 'a very clever move'. The church-in-exile pointed out that their membership is largely exiled or D.P. peoples, who strongly disapprove of Soviet policies and government.

The Patriarcal Church, under Father Anthony Bloom's pastorate, responded that 'it is an unChristian action to refuse to share'.

The Russian Church-in-exile was recently found to have been sheltering an active Communist priest in their Western European Community of Displaced Persons. (See AREO for last April, p. 8) ED.

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SPANISH ARCHBISHOP INTRODUCES FIXED FEES FOR SACRAMENTS. Roman Catholic Archbishop Casimiro Morcillo of Zaragoza, Spain, is regarded as one of Spains most socially-minded prelates. His idea for fixed 'stole fees' is being tested in the village parish of Almunia de Don Godina. Details have yet to be prefected, but it is believed to be the first time that such a system has ever been tried. The purpose is stated to be for the relieving of 'financial worries'.

Business before pleasure, I say.

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CATHEDRAL OF OUR SAVIOUR IN MOSCOW TO BE USED AS A MUSEUM, according to reports from Radio Moscow. It will house the Andrei Rublev Museum. Since 1917, it has been used as a storage shed. The Cathedral stands on the territory of the Andronnik Monastery in Southeastern Moscow. It was once a fortress which shielded the city from Tartar raids and was also an ancient seat of Russian education and culture.

HOMER, ARISTOTLE, PLATO AND OTHER GREEK CLASSICAL 'NAMES BAN' rescind by the Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church. In a previous order, issued in August, 1955, ban was placed on naming children, at baptism, with any other names than those appearing on Church Calendar. At that time it evoked strong criticism among the Greek people.

The new decree rescinding the old decree declares that should any differences arise over th child's name, between the clergyman officiating at the christening ceremony and the parents, t interested parties should consult the Archbishop of Athens.

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POPE ESTABLISHES RUTHENIAN RITE PROVINCE IN CANADA. A new ecclesiastical province for Ruthenian Catholics of the Byzantine Rite was just erected, consisting of the Arc diocese of Winnipeg(Archbishop Maximus Hermaniuk) and the Dioceses of Edmonton(Bishop N Savaryn), Toronto(Bishop I.Borecky), and Saskatoon(Bishop A.Roborecky). The Ruthenians a the largest single body of Eastern Rite Catholics.

- Most Ruthenian Catholics in Europe, some 4 millions, returned to Orthodoxy when Russia took over Poland and Cilicia. Political control governs the ecclesiastical jurisdiction, as it has since the inception of Christianity in that region. ED.

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ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH ATHENAGORAS SEEKS EPISCOPATE TO WORLD COUNCIL as representatives of Eastern Orthodoxy, instead of laymen, according to news reports arriving from Athens. According to dispatches, two members of the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate(Metropolitans James of Iconium and Maximos of Sardis) presented a letter to the Archbishop of Athens, Dorotheos, in which this idea was embodied. The two Metropolitans ar in Athens to seek ways of improving cooperation between the Greek Orthodox Church and the Orthodox Churches thruout the world.

It was recalled that the Greek Church was represented by a delegation of lay theologians at the 2nd Assembly of the World Council in 1954. At that time, three Metropolitans had also bee named to the 14 member Greek delegation, but did not attend.

- Perhaps the Ecumenical Spirit is now pervading the Sanctum Sanctorum. ED.

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NEW CONSTITUTION SOUGHT FOR ORTHODOX CHURCH IN GREECE by Archbishop Dorotheos. A draft was submitted last August to the Ministry of Cults, but failed to get its approval. The Archbishop is now turning to members of the Cabinet direct, in hope of success

The proposed new charter deals especially with episcopal appointments. It sets 45 as the lowe age at which a new bishop may be elected.(The existing constitution puts the age at 35 minimu Other articles deal with episcopal transfers and the manner in which the property of bishops should be disposed of after death. According to the present constitution, the vestments of a de bishop remain the property of the diocese he served. Under the proposed new charter, they would go to the bishop's legal heirs.

- The latter proposition is certainly going against the Ecumenical Canons; what would the heirs do with vestments? ED.

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AUSTRALIAN PRIMATE REPORTS CHINESE CHURCH GROWING RAPIDLY. Dr. Howard W.K.Mowll, Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of the Church of England in Australia, reporte that his seven week visit to Communist China showed him that the Christian Church is not onl functioning, but is a 'growing force'. He headed an 8 man delegation that visited China at the invitation of Dr. Robin T.S.Chen, Presiding Bishop of the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui(Holy Cath olic Church in China).

Dr. Mowll stated that four theological colleges are operating, the largest of which has 107 students. He said: 'Baptisms are taking place in churches all over the country'.

- As the head of a large Church body, Dr. Mowll deserves credibility to be attached to his report, but it is certainly in variance with other reports. Eventually the Truth will be known, in all its light. ED.

REEK PRIEST TRANSFERRED TO FLORIDA CHURCH. The Rev. Stephen J. Anthony, who s been pastor of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Assumption in Somerville, Mass. for some ree years has been appointed, effective January 1st, 1957, as pastor of St. Catherine's Greek rthodox Church in West Palm Beach, Florida. The announcement was made by Archbishop ichael.

farewell banquet was tendered to Fr. Stephen by the members of the Somerville Church in cognition of his 'perseverance, dedication and untiring efforts to the multitude of problems d tasks'. Numerous gifts and testimonials were heaped upon the de- rting clergyman by a grateful and responsive congregation.

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HANDS ACROSS THE SEA" This could well be the slo- n of the newly-formed Fellowship of St. Alban and St. Sergius anadian & American). In Toronto, Canada the Trinity College apel at the Univ. of Toronto was the scene of a service unique the Western Hemisphere, when Christians of the eastern and western traditions came to- ther for the first meeting of the newly-formed Canadian branch of the Fellowship. Clergy d laity from many Anglican and Orthodox parishes in the Toronto area attended the services the 'high church' college. The service was conducted by the V.Rev. John Diachina, rector of e Russian Orthodox Cathedral of Our Saviour. Anglican Bishop W.Bagnall of Niagara presid- at the meeting following. Principal speaker was Prof. Nicholas Zernov of Oxford Univ. of ngland.

the U.S., meanwhile, an American branch was also organized. This resulted largely from e visit of the same Prof. Nicholas Zernov. Columbia Univ., N.Y.C., having a Fellowship of thodox Youth on the Campus, as well as St.Vladimir's Seminary, found itself to be the focal nter of the newly organized branch. A Seminary student, Alvian N. Smirensky, took on the tivities of Secretary of the branch.

e main branch of the Fellowship is located in London, with branches in France, Scandinavia, otland, Wales, and now Canada and the U.S.A. The aims of the Fellowship are to seek better derstanding between the Churches of the East and the West by a mutual exchange of informa- n thru discussion groups, lectures and meetings. The work is informal, neither official, nor en semi-official; none of the members have prerogatives, other than working together as one dy - all members can equally share in the authority of administration and policy.

For information, one may write to: Mr. Alvian N. Smirensky, Secretary, 537 West 121st Street, N.Y. 27, N.Y. ED.

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HICAGO BANS RELIGIOUS STATUES FOR CITY PARKS. Park District Commissioners jected an offer from wealthy John S. Reiner, 71, head of a coal and oil firm, to erect a seven ot statue of the 'Smiling Christ' at a cost of $20,000.

id Mr. Reiner: 'The Lord has been very good to me, both in a spiritual and material way. I ve lived in Chicago all my life, have married and had four children, and have been successful business for 43 years. I just thought this was one way of showing my thanks for everything'.

Perhaps his Lord would like to see the same money used to aid those who have need, rather than poured into a useless mold, subject to wind,rain and vandals. Vanity, vanity, all is vanity - people desiring their names remembered in physical monuments, instead of some thing which would be to ease suffering or heartache. ED.

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PULSIVE PROTESTANT SAVES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. Baptist church-goer, lon E. Rempfer, saw despondent priest, Rev.Anthony Chouinard, pastor of Our Lady of urdes Roman Catholic Church (Minneapolis, Minn.). Approaching him, he asked: 'How is siness'. Replied Father Anthony: 'Not so good'. To which, Mr. Rempfer said: 'Let's make me'.

$100 a plate dinner followed, under the expert management of Mr. Rempfer. The result: a ily needed net of $3,700. Quoth Father Anthony: 'Mr. Rempfer's action shows a great deal good will and understanding.....This desire to be of service for friendly relations between mbers of different faiths which are so essential today'.

UNIVERSITY FIRES 'PROFESSED ATHEIST'. Dr. Marvin, president of George Washingto University, Washington D.C. disclosed recently that the University had dismissed a science professor because he was a 'professed atheist'. 'As a matter of policy, we do not have anyo teaching on our faculty who does not have faith in God', explained the president. He continue by saying: 'the professor was an able scientist, but could not bring himself to accept belief a Divinity'.

The university is a non-denominational private school, altho it does have a Dep't. of Religio

- Perhaps the discharged professor didn't belief in some of the man-made Gods - Einste might never have been allowed to teach at this school. ED.

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SCIENCE AND RELIGION was the theme of addresses by varied individuals of recent date The V.Rev. Laurence J.McGinley, president of Fordham Univ.(Roman Catholic) stated that scientific research that 'fulfills scrupulously the requirement of its own discipline' is a 'wo in genuine praise of God'. Observing that science and religion could never contradict one another because 'there is but one God, author of both religion and science'. 'In most histori duels between science and religion, there was truth and error on both sides...the sad fact o the matter is that both theologians and the scientists were overzealous in propagating their private brand of orthodoxy'.

Dr. John S. Bonnell of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church(NYC) declared that the centuri old warfare between science and religion 'has ended in a truce which all thoughtful people d voutly hope will be permanent'. He added: science teaches of the 'ever greater concepts of God' and theologians should learn from 'the scientific devotion to truth'. He then concluded by pointing out that moderns who refuse to accept scientific truth are comparable to men o the time of Copernicus and Galileo 'who refused to accept the truths that these men taught'.

In Richmond, Va. a group of Episcopal laymen met at Roslyn Convention Center to hear Dr Edward McCrady, president of the University of the South(Sewanee, Tenn.), declare science to be 'the one agent that in the last three centuries has been showing that virgin birth is pos sible'.

- Dr. Marvin, president of George Washington University might find additional light if he were to absorb the idea that science thinks of God in different terms than laymen or the theologians. ED.

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EASTERN ORTHODOX WELFARE COUNCIL OF CLEVELAND, OHIO FUND DRIVE t raise finances necessary to support the Old Age Home, the children's camp, job placement, educational programs and youth activities will open its Third Annual Drive on March 2,1957

During the past three years the Welfare Council has solidified its stand as a united religiou effort of the Eastern Orthodox Communities of Cleveland for Social Welfare work. The 1956 Drive brought in $5250; A proposed goal for the 1957 Drive is $43,000.

- A reasonable and laudable effort - may it have every success it deserves. ED.

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PSYCHIATRIST STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTIANITY IN HEALING. Dr. Franci J.Braceland of Hartford, Conn., president of the American Psychiatric Ass'n., stated that i was the advent of Christianity that brought about love and care for the patient as an individu

In connection with this thought, it is of interest to note also that a recent four-year study b a team of anthropologists, sociologists and psychiatrists was revealed at a conference of 35 prominent social scientists, educators and theologians, convened by the American Jewish Committee to celebrate its 50th anniversary, in Harriman, N.Y. Dr. Marvin K.Opler pre- sented the findings, which covered more than 170,000 people in East Midtown, NYC. Those studied, included religious groups, as well as national groups and down to 4th generation Americans. A major finding was that individuals who identified themselves since early childhood with ethnic and religious groups were generally found to have achieved integrated adjustment and sound mental health. In contrast, he said, 'those with psychotic tendencies, particularly schizophrenic symptons, had been noticeably devoid of any group identification and participation since their pre-puberty stage'. It was also brought out that the current 'return to religion' in the USA is not based on a growth of faith, but rather that the church serves as a focal point for social and secular affairs.

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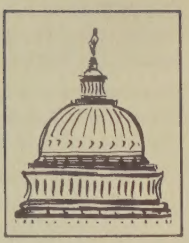
CHURCH AND STATE



CHALICE PLANNED AS 'WORLD PEACE' PRIZE by Sculptor Oskar J.W.Hansen, Charlottesville,Va. The artist said he will fashion a massive chalice of gold and precious stones, which will be awarded each year to the nation that has contributed most to world peace thru some practical act, perhaps 'involving sacrifice'.

The chalice will symbolize the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God. It is expected to be completed by 1960 and will be presented to the world as a Christmas Gift at that time. The stem of the chalice will have a carved and fashioned rose beryl stone, weighing some ten pounds in its uncut form. This stone has been described by Dr.George Switzer, curator of geology at the Smithsonian Institute 'as the finest piece of uncut gem morganite in existence, as far as we know'. The face of Christ will be carved on one side and the Virgin on the other. Onyx, emerald and topaz will be among the decorative features. The gold cup will have figures of the Apostles and Christ surmounted on it.

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CLERGY HAVE UNTIL APRIL 15th, 1957 FOR SOCIAL SECURITY DEADLINE if they wish coverage. Congress enacted legislation in 1955 extending social security to clergy and those in religious orders.

Clergy, when filing income tax returns for 1956, may pay the self-employment tax, which is 6% of their first $4200 of income, or about $126.00. In return, they become eligible for full coverage in 18 months, or on July 1, 1958(if of retirement age). Whenever their retirement age comes, they may receive benefits up to 108.50 a month, with an additional $54.30 a month for a dependent wife over 65. Their widows are eligible for benefits up to $200 a month if there are children under 18, and to payments up to $81.40 a month after the age of 62. Clergy of any age whatsoever can participate, but, if not done by April 15th, only newly-ordained clergy may thereafter apply - and they must do so within two years following their ordination.

The government advises clergy to establish a 'lay-away' plan for saving their payment, as it can only be paid annually. In 1957, the rate goes up to 3.38% of their salary, making a maximum of $141.75. In return for this increased tax, clergymen, if completely disabled because of accident or illness, may retire on full social security payments at any time after the age of 50.

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IOWA CLERGYMAN WINS SEAT IN CONGRESS. A 32 year-old minister, Rev.D.Merwin Hoad, pastor of 1st Christian Church, Boone, Iowa, was elected as a Democrat in a district that had never before elected a Democratic nominee. He will be the youngest member of the House. He said he had only one aim: 'to do as much good for as many people as I can'.

- The only other clergyman in Congress is Rep.Adam Clayton Powell of N.Y., who was re-elected to his 8th term as a Democrat, even though he bolted the party to support Pres. Eisenhower. ED.

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REDUCED AIR RATES FOR CLERGY OFFERED BY NEVADA AIRLINE. In accordance with the Congressional bill of last Fall, the Bonanza Airline of Las Vegas became the first commercial airline to file a passenger tariff with the Civil Aeronautics Board offering a 50% clergy discount for the one-way ticket. The tariff will become effective Feb. 1st, 1957. The airline will issue identification cards to all bona-fide, full-time clergy who apply.

CHRISTIAN LABOR GROUP DEFEATS AFL-CIO UNION. The Christian Labor Associati an independent union, which stresses religious principles, won a foothold in western Minnes in a NLB election among employees of two highway contractors.

The Association had its origin 25 years ago among members of the Christian Reformed Chur It requires that its officers be 'of a Christian profession' and that locals open and close thei meetings with prayer and Bible reading.

- Perhaps if all Unions adopted some of these premises, there would be less apparent acts of violence and certainly more consideration rendered toward the building of better indu trial relations among all. ED.

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MARTIN LUTHER

Always the center of controversy, during his life, the movie 'Martin Luther' finds itself also constantly in the center of Church squabble In Chicago, WGN-TV cancelled the showing of the film - spokesman for the Station said the program was withdrawn because of 'an emotional reaction to the plan' of showing it.

Protestant clergymen charged the cancellation was 'censorship' in violation of the Station's authority to broadcast. They added: 'Cancellation of the film constitutes an admission on the part of the TV Station involved that it is vulnerable to the pressures which we are convinced, on the basis of our discussions with WGN-TV, have been mobilized by the Roman Catholic Church to assure the banning of this film'.

In connection with this, the executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State called for a government inquiry into the 'suppression' of the film by the TV Station. The request was addressed to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, as well as to the Federal Communications Commission.

In New York, Msgr. Thomas F.Little, of the National Legion of Decency(Roman Catholic) said his agency had never condemned the film, but had placed it in a 'special classification' This meant, he said, reserved for films 'which, while not morally offensive, require some analysis and explanation as a protection to the uninformed against wrong interpretation and false conclusion'.

In Chicago, Msgr. Edward M.Burke, chancellor for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese there, declared it made no formal protest to WGN-TV. He declined to comment further.

- Between 'Baby Doll' and 'Martin Luther' is a great expanse, but both find themselves in the same boat. ED.

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ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL TO DELIVER OPENING PRAYER OF INAUGURATION on Monday, January 21, 1957. The prayer will be delivered directly before the Vice-President takes his oath of office. Dr. L.Finkelstein will recite the prayer preceding the Oath taken by President Eisenhower. Archbishop Mooney of Detroit will give the benediction. Dr. L.R. Elson, Presbyterian, will give the invocation.

The formal public inauguration takes place on Monday, altho the President will take a private oath at the White House on Sunday noon, Jan. 20th, when his term ends under the 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

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LUTHERAN COMMUNITY ELECTS JEWISH MAYOR. The Scandinavian Lutheran city of Willmar, Minnesota, with 10,000 population and only six Jewish families, has elected a Mayor from one of the six families. Seymour Grossman, engineer and pharmacist is the new Mayor. His reaction? - 'I feel the whole happening was more a compliment to the community than to myself.....for once a man's religious or racial background had no bearing. I just hope I can do the job that many of my supporters claim I can do'.

PANISH MARRIAGE LAWS STRENGTHENED and tightened in regards to marriage of non-Catholics in that country. Generalissimo Francisco Franco signed a recent decree, according to the official state gazette, which provides the following: -

No civil weddings will be authorized unless both parties prove they are non-Catholics.

Non-Catholics, who wish to marry, must submit documents to a judge or consul(if they be foreigners), providing their addresses for the past two years and stating their reasons as to why they wish to get married.

If they be non-Catholics, who were baptized in the Church and later renounced the Church, the judge must advise church authorities of the fact. They may not then be married for at least a month and if church authorities advise there is an obstacle to marriage, the petitioners must wait on the decision of higher authority.

If they did that to us in America, there would sure be some squawking.

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TATE DEP'T. REPORTS COLOMBIA RECONSIDERING BAN ON PROTESTANTS. As a esult of three years effort by the U.S.State Dep't., thru the Embassy at Bogota, the Colombian oreign Office has informed the State Dep't. that the government has given considerable study o the problem, and has indicated also that the government hopes it will be possible to soon eopen the closed Protestant Churches. (The churches were closed by the government, following a so-called 'Mission Agreement' signed by the Colombian government with the Roman atholic Church on Jan. 29, 1953, whereby the Roman Church was given exclusive right to roselytize and carry on religious and educational work in approximately two thirds of the ountry. ED)

he Canadian Council of Churches at their biennial meeting in Kitchener, Ontario called on e World Council of Churches to send a two-man team to Colombia to investigate the persecuon of Protestants in that country.

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OWNS AND VILLAGES ORDERED TO CHANGE NAMES BY YUGOSLAV GOV'T. All wns and villages, bearing names with Christian origin, have been ordered to replace them ith names having Communist origin, according to the Vatican Radio.

is estimated that in Slovenia alone there are more than 400 villages named after some one the Church Saints.

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OTION INTRODUCED IN TURKISH PARLIAMENT TO EXPEL PATRIARCH. A motion med at expelling Patriarch Athenagoras from Turkey on the grounds that he is a political, ather than a spiritual personality, was introduced in the National Assembly by Nuri Demirag, epresentative for Sivas.

r. Demirag said the patriarch's political activity was already apparent before he went to the .S., where he served as Archbishop of North and South America for the Greek Archdiocese. r. Demirag asserted he had documentary evidence to prove his charges. All this according 'Havadis', daily newspaper in Istanbul.

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RITISH ENVOYS ARRIVE TO CONFER WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS on the Cyprus sue. Two British government officials arrived in the Seychelles Islands, according to Athens adio, which stated that it is highly likely that the Archbishop will be taken by them to Cyprus r completion of negotiations. Previously, the Station had predicted that the Archbishop would ooner or later be named as the first Prime Minister of Cyprus.

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REEK GOVERNMENT RESTRICTS EMIGRATION OF CLERGYMEN. A new law approved the Greek government prohibits Greek-born clergymen of any religion from emigrating to e Middle East or North Africa, except with special permission of the Ministry of Cults.

he law also prohibits theatrical, ballet groups and individual performers from going to the eas in question. No reason was given for the act.

(continued from page 2) - Lamech, still skeptical, decided to ask help from his own father 'att ends of the earth'. Methusaleh, who died when he was 969 years old, according to the Bible , (some Bible students feel that computation of 'years of age' was based on the moon periods; i this theory was true, Methusaleh would actually have been about 81 years, which is a good old age, especially when we consider that among primitive people, such as these were, that 'old was often 35 years. ED) heard the voice of his son and listened to his petition. The Scroll re lates how Lamech asks his father to consult his own father, Enoch, who would know the truth about Noah, because his 'dwelling-place is among the angels'. (Saul also called upon the 'shac of Samuel to advise him, thru the 'Witch of Endor'. ED) NOTE: In Chapter 5 of Genesis, 'th book of the generation of Adam', Enoch is the only patriarch not described as having 'died'. Th Bible says of him that after 365 years he was seen no more 'because God took him'.

Dr. Yadin said he believes further work on the Scroll may disclose why Enoch alone of all the earliest patriarchs was believed to be living with God 'among the angels'.

The scholar emphasized that, in his opinion, the Noah episode could in no way be considered 'forerunner' of the birth of Christ. He said it simply proved that belief in a supernatural conc tion was current in those days altho the author of the scroll stressed the human parenthood o Noah.

Decsription given in the scrolls, he said, might change 'many of our concepts of texts of the Bible, of the birth of Christianity and of the apochryphal books'. He said he was convinced ma portions of the Book of Enoch and the Book of Jubilees should be re-translated 'in the light of what we now know'. He pointed out that up to the finding of the scrolls, all available apochry- phal books available were in Greek, Ethiopic, Syrian or other renditions.

In still another instance, an active controversy has opened up over the jars or containers in which the Scrolls were found. Dr. Immanuel Ben-Dor of the Harvard University Divinity Scho claims that the jars were specifically fabricated for the holding of the manuscripts. His chief oppon ent, Father R.de Vaux of the French Biblical School in Jerusalem claims the opposite. Ben-Dor presented his arguments at the meetings of the Archaeological Institute of America the American Philological Ass'n. The Dr. said: when the jars were first seen, he thought the to be forgeries, because they were so different from all other specimens of ancient vessels. I said the jar is about 20 inches high, shaped like a narrow cylinder, but with a wide mouth and small ring base - the interior being large enough to hold several rolled parchments in two tie A bowl-shaped cover was used to seal the opening. (Common sense would cause one to agree the good Professor, rather than with the esteemed Roman priest, inasmuch as all the scrolls common the fact that they were all in similar jars. If any old jar were used, as the priest fee there would be discrepancies evident in the appearance of one jar from another, but they wer all the same. ED)

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EVIDENCE REVEALED THAT ANCIENT JEWS HAD ILLUSTRATED BIBLE BOOKS. Pr Carl H. Kraeling, director of the Oriental Institute of Chicago, and former Yale archeology pr essor, made the disclosure in 'The Synagogue', which is the final report in a series entitled Excavations at Dura-Europos'. The report will be published shortly by Yale University Press

Prof. Kraeling said that painting on the walls of a synagogue of Dura-Europos, a city which la under the desert sands of Syria for 1700 years until its rediscovery in 1921, reveal the existen of a long-forgotten tradition of Jewish representation art. (The city was discovered in 1921, wh British troops, fighting the Arabs, dug trenches for fortification purpose and found paintings from a Palmyrene temple. ED.)

Ten seasons of excavations followed, sponsored by Yale University and the French Academy Inscriptions and Letters. The excavations revealed a well-preserved city, including the Palm ene Temple, a synagogue and a Christian chapel. Painted on the walls of the synagogue wer pictures representing 59 Biblical episodes, including incidents from the Exodus and the life Moses.

The artists crammed together, in one panel, scenes which ordinarily would have required two more separate pictures. Prof. Kraeling has inferred that the artists copied other paintings wh had their origin in illustrated books, since the succession of scenes shows close following of Biblical text.

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e professor also believes it unlikely that illustrated Bibles in the Jewish language existed, ce the strict rules and regulations regarding the preparation of official scrolls were probably orced. But he thinks it possible that liberal interpreters of the Jewish prohibition against ages may have illustrated Greek translations of books of the Bible. (Note: Greek translations known to have existed during the period between Alexander the Great in the 4th century BC the Maccabean Revolt in the 2nd century after Christ. ED.)

vas during this period, just mentioned, that Prof. Kraeling concludes that a unique but short-ed tradition in Jewish art - the representation of humans in paintings, despite the generally served stricture against such paintings - had its beginning. He contends that this narrative dition in Jewish art probably provided the source of early Christian art.

TE: It is, of course, difficult for us in the Western World to conceive of anything different n what we have been taught from our earliest days as being the 'gospel truth', but that is only ause the mind becomes 'set' and 'fixed' in a given concept and rebels at new ideas. This is only true in the world of religion, but in all other worlds around: science, philosophy, social nges such as integration and de-segration, the arts and many other associated fields.

ortunately, religion, i.e. 'organized religion', being largely a political or 'thought control' chine, finds itself in the peculiar position, even as it has in other times of history, of being ced to condemn, modify or accept with abandon these new ideas and concepts. If it condemns, oses prestige and power; if it modifies, it becomes hypocritical in future history; if it accepts, oses 'thought-control' power over the following to a degree. Yet it is on the prongs of such emnas that Reforms are made possible - the question is whether the religious leaders are as ong as their predecessors, who, in their day, made the sacrifice.

w, the Dead Sea Scrolls may, in their own way, not be the power of revolutionizing concepts of religious world, but they may be only forerunners of greater and far more vital findings to revealed. God works in mysterious ways His Word to make known, and discoveries often are nd to be those methods.

the world judge what the organized religious bodies will do as more and more facts become wn. If they refuse to revitalize the religious teachings and spiritualize their concepts, then a eat Reformer must make an appearance to force the issue.

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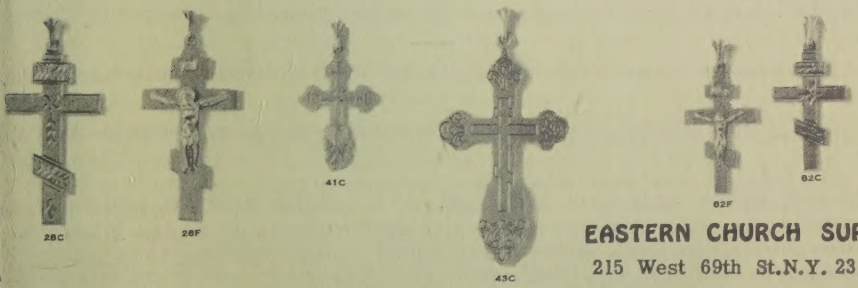

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(continued from page 8 - Domestic) $1,300,000 'CHURCH OF TOMORROW' OPENS DOOR Three years in construction the First Christian church's new 'futuristic' structure was built a 40 acre area in one of Oklahoma City's better residential sections. The structure comprise sanctuary, a fine arts building and an educational building. Pride of the three is the sanctuary which resembles in form half an eggshell. The sanctuary is housed beneath a membraneous s of concrete and steel. It has no pillars but is supported entirely by the concrete and steel.

Church officials watched 8,000 persons attempt to attend first services in the sanctuary, whi seats only 1,000. An escalator takes worshippers from the ground floor to the entrance of th sanctuary, one story above. Below, are the offices and parlor. The area usually occupied by clergy and choir can accomodate a 100 piece symphony orchestra.

Concrete was blown onto the dome of the sanctuary by pneumatic instruments. Tiny flecks of glass in the concrete make the dome sparkle in the sunlight. A steel 'cap' surmounts the to of the dome. All lighting during the day is accomplished by plexiglass 'bulbs' on all three o the buildings. A 130 foot bell tower houses the speakers for the electronic carillons. Next to the tower is a reflectory pool, which actually serves as water for the air-conditioning syste

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CHURCH INSTALLS VARIED-SIZE SEATS. The new $860,000 White Memorial Seventh-Da Adventist Church in Los Angeles believes in accomodating all sizes of people in comfort. Th seats have been arranged in staggered sizes, so, if you don't fit one seat, you merely move c over until you find one that suits.

- What next? ED.

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CHURCH INTRODUCES 'SPEAKER PHONE SERVICE' FOR SICK MEMBERS. The third largest Presbyterian congregation in the country (United Presbyterian), located in Prairie Village, Kansas, has just installed a speaker phone, so that 'shut-ins' may be able to partici pate in services, even though confined to bed or home.

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UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH ORGANIZED . People of a dozen different denomination worship together in one of the nation's most unusual congregations. In the covenant which the have signed, Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Episcopalians, Baptists, Churc of the Brethren, Assemblies of God, Evangelical United Brethren, Disciples of Christ, Evan- gelical and Reformed, Mormon, Christian Missionary Alliance, United Lutheran and Luthera Free members have all joined hand-in-hand in Silver Bay, Minnesota in organizing a United Church.

A building has been erected and a type of liturgical service is conducted, which is amenable to all concerned.

Certainly a 'trail-blazing' achievement for greater Protestant unity thruout the land. EI

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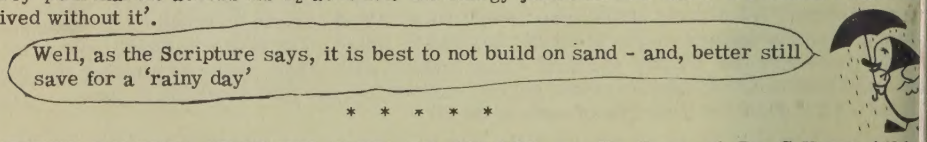
CHURCH SOLVES ITS FINANCIAL PROBLEM IN A UNIQUE FASHION. Lebanon Presb terian Church of Knoxville, Tenn. has covered its budget deficiency for the last 56 years by leasing part of its backyard to a marble quarry. Rather than stand pat and refuse to allow th church grounds to be utilized, this congregation gave a lease for the mining of a vein of ligh grey-pink marble across its 8½ acre lot. As clergy James Arthur said: 'We couldn't have su vived without it'.



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CHURCH PARKING PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED, was the theme of Dr. C.Harry Atkin son, editor of 'Protestant Church Administration and Equipment', in speaking in Chicago at a Conference on Church Building, sponsored by the Chicago, as well as National, Council of Churches. He urged new churches provide at least one parking space for every four person to be seated. 'Churches simply cannot expect young couples with three or four children - a most of them have today - to park four blocks away in inclement weather'.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO MANY LANDS. This is an idea which has been adopted by the First Baptist Church of Berkeley, California as reported in 'Church Business'.

'Under the leadership of a woman who once was a missionary in Burma, each year and thruout the year, a steady flow of discarded greeting cards is processed for sharing with beauty-hungry people in far lands. The people of the church are encouraged to bring their greetings to the church or to this retired missionary. Then she prepares them for sending to missaries in various distant places, - in Burma, India, Assam, in the Philippines and Africa and elsewhere.

The people of the church bring their own cards, and some of them ask friends in their work ups to share their greetings, too. One young woman employed in the offices of a large utilities pany has the men, each year, bring to her their greetings by the sackful. They are happy to so. Also members of social clubs outside the church contribute gladly. The Women's Society ne church designates a certain running fund to help pay the cost of mailing packages of the ds.

It is difficult for people in our privileged country to appreciate how deeply valued these of beauty and color can be in these far places. In India, for instance, men will sometimes lge two or three weary days thru the hot jungle to a mission station to get just a card or or three to take back to their villages. In one place in the Philippines the cards are given t to the school children. Then they are collected and the younger children allowed to use them, carefully. After they are once more gathered, they taken out to the leper colony, for people there who love and treasure them.

In some mission churches these cards are used at Christmas time to dece the tree and the church. And at Easter time, too, they give color and oration. Students from mission high schools and colleges go out into the jungle to hold vacation schools. Seminary students often go in teams, to talk with the jungle people. The cards help them to attract the people and to present their messages.

This seems to be so simple a manner of service that many think it not worth while, but if one could see the many letters that come back with stories of the good done and the pleasure given, he would start right now to save his Christmas greetings, and would send them where they will do a vast amount of good.'

- A project such as explained in the above story, by the author T.Moore Atkinson, certainly shows the difference in conditions thruout the world in a most graphic manner. An excellent project in any church, which has a contact with the foreign mission field. ED.

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VEY OF RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS OF EPISCOPAL DIOCESAN ISSUANCE as shown e National Diocesan Press Letter of October and November, 1956 indicate a series of points h should be of interest to all Church groups that carry on some form of publication. These as follows:

35 out of 48 publications surveyed have some paid help; this ranges from editors, who receive amounts ranging from $10 to $35 per month, to hourly clerical help. One magazine has an advertising agent on commission, two magazines have paid circulation managers.

Editing: 21 editors do the job alone; 11 bishops are editors of their own magazines; 15 magazines have a staff or board of editors; the majority of editors also serve as business managers.

News Coverage: great difficulty has been experienced in obtaining local news coverage from parish churches.

Advertising: For this type of publication it is impractical and putting the publication on the diocesan budget made it the most realistic solution.

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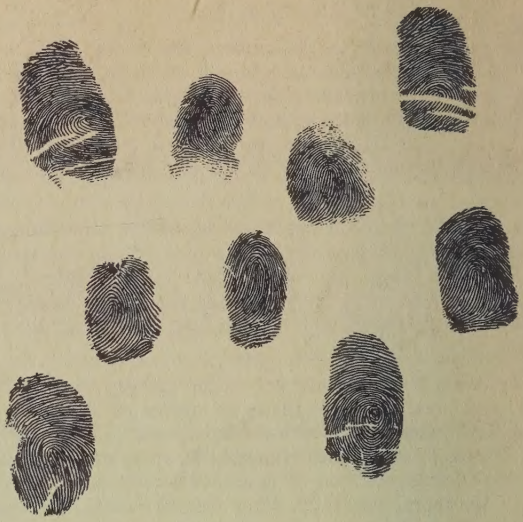

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